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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

### PIRE AT SEA.

RESCUES FROM BURNING "TOKUYO MARU."

New York, May 3.

Sixty-five people have been rescued from the burning "Tokuyo Maru," (mentioned in our earlier cables as a blaze at sea on a voyage from Valparaiso to Hongkong). Eight persons are missing. One is dead.

### IRISH PEACE.

GOVERNMENT DENIES REPORTED OVERTURES.

LONDON, May 3.

In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. Austen Chamberlain declared that the Government had not sent any message to Sinn Fein or authorised anybody to open negotiations on their behalf.

### A FIERCE ENCOUNTER.

LONDON, May 3.

Six Sinn Feiners were killed and 14 wounded, and two soldiers wounded in a fierce 5-hour fight near Galbally, Limerick, between Sinn Feiners and Crown forces.

### SPECIAL CHINESE ENVOY.

AN EXCHANGE OF COMPLIMENTS.

LONDON, May 3.

The Chinese Minister gave a dinner in honour of Mr. Chu Chi Chien, at which the principal guest was Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, Minister of Education. In proposing the health of Mr. Fisher, Dr. Wellington Koo dwelt on Mr. Chu Chi Chien's interest in educational systems. Mr. Fisher, replying, spoke of the interest of the British Government in maintaining good relations in the East. He declared that the British were greatly attracted to the Chinese by their art, morals, teaching system, religion, honesty, simplicity, and absence of pretence. Mr. Chu Chi Chien, replying, said that he was an ardent admirer of British institutions and was much impressed by the genius of English people. He was glad to note their increased interest in Oriental culture and civilisation.

### JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE

IMPOSING DEPARTURE FROM GIBRALTAR.

GIBRALTAR, May 3.

The Japanese Crown Prince departed at 10 o'clock this morning, delighted with his visit. Farewell visits were paid by the Governor and the Admiral with their personal staffs. The "Katori" and "Kashima" were escorted from harbour amidst royal salutes from ashore and aloft. The dressing and manning of the British and American warships was an imposing scene.

### OUR FAR EASTERN CONSULATES.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR CANTON, TIENTSIN AND HARBIN.

LONDON, May 3.

In the House of Commons, on the vote for consular buildings and residences in the Far East, Sir F. Bannister inquired regarding the necessity of spending £53,515 on the acquisition of a site for the erection of a new consular building at Tientsin, £22,000 for rebuilding the Consul-General's house at Canton, £20,000 for rebuilding the consular offices and assistants' quarters at Canton, and £27,000 for the erection of a new consulate and residence at Harbin. Col. Sir J. Gilmour, replying, said that as regards Tientsin all medical opinion had decided against continued occupation of the present Nirrar building. A sum of £9,955 was required this year for the acquisition of ground, but the sale of the present ground was expected to realise £37,500 as against necessary expenditure for new quarters. He thought that a fair and reasonable proposition. As regards Canton, he pointed out that severe floods had swept off many Shamen buildings and it was absolutely necessary to repair many damaged ones. The reconstruction was being carried out as economically as was commensurate with the dignity of our position. The vote was agreed to.

### JAPPA DISTURBANCES.

JEWISH COMMUNISTS CAUSE FATAL AFFAIRS.

LONDON, May 3.

The High Commissioner of Palestine telegraphs that a labour meeting in a Jewish suburb of Jaffa on May 1 was disturbed by Jewish communists who were driven back into a mixed Moslem and Jewish quarter. An affray ensued in which many Jews and some Moslems were killed. Troops were summoned and restored order, but the disturbances broke out in the morning resulting in the deaths of several Jews and Moslems. Additional troops and police restored order. Altogether 30 Jews and ten Arabs were killed. Over 170 Jews and 57 Arabs were treated at hospital for wounds. The troops did not need to fire and the proclamation of martial law was not necessary. Some 66 arrests were made. The rest of the country is quiet.

### GERMAN INDEMNITY.

INDIA'S CLAIM FOR A SHARE RECOGNISED.

LONDON, May 3.

In the House of Commons, in reply to Capt. Rees, Mr. Montagu stated that the Imperial Government had allowed the validity of India's claim to share in the indemnity from Germany as a member of the League of Nations. The amount was now being discussed.

### M. P. RESIGNS.

LONDON, May 3.

Brigadier-General J. Tyson Wigan, Coalition-Unionist member of Parliament for Abington Division of Berks since December of 1918 has resigned on business grounds.

## THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/6 5/8

To-day's opening rate 2/6 5/8

## MOTOR CYCLIST FINED.

### DANGEROUS DRIVING.

PEDESTRIAN KNOCKED DOWN.

Before Magistrate Lindsell yesterday, a Chinese motor cyclist was summoned for driving to the danger of the public at the corner of Des Voeux Road and Pedder Street.

The defendant said that as a Chinese with two parcels in his hands he was in front of his machine undecided which way to go, he applied the foot brake. There would have been no accident had not one of the man's parcels bumped his foot thus releasing the brake and causing the cycle to shoot forward and run into a stationary tram car.

An Indian constable said that he saw the defendant come out of Pedder Street at a high speed and turn into Des Voeux Road towards Watchai. Defendant ran into a Chinese crossing the road from the Hongkong Hotel to Watson's, and then swerved and collided with the tram car. The pedestrian did not hesitate in front of the machine but was going straight across the road when the defendant struck him from behind.

Remarking that had the defendant been going at a moderate pace he would have found no difficulty in stopping his machine, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10.

## SEAMEN'S WAGES.

### DECISION OF O.S.R.

REDUCTION OF SIX PER CENT.

The *Maritime* says that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has announced, in view of the shipping depression now prevalent, a reduction of about 20 per cent. in the wages of ordinary seamen in the employ of the company on the new scale of wages to be enforced on the expiry of the term of employment contracted for. This decision of the company is of course provoking intense discontent among the seamen affected. It is complained that to effect any reduction in their wages at the present time, when there is little fall in the prices of commodities, is unreasonable, because the wages of ordinary seamen are so small the money only enables them to lead a miserable life. If the company really intends to economise by reducing the wages of its employees it is scarcely proper that it should decide to reduce the wages of ordinary seamen only, leaving the salaries of able seamen and clerks of the company intact. On the other hand, the company contends that the reduction announced is not solely in consequence of the shipping depression prevailing at present. During the shipping boom many unexperienced hands were employed without full inquiries being made into their ability. By the proposed reduction the company desires to make some distinction between the able and ordinary seamen in wages. While in many cases there is a reduction in wages, an increase has been made in some cases. The reduction is therefore, on an average, six or seven per cent.

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Hongkong, April 27, 1921.

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Boots in Box Calf Black Glaze  
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Terms—Cash.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
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Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED)

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An Assortment of  
Chinese Porcelain, Carvings,  
Lacquered Ware,  
etc., etc.

Including a variety of 5-coloured  
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Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

(For account of the concerned)

**TUESDAY,**  
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Hongkong, May 3, 1921.

## INTIMATIONS.

## NOTICE.

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CEDRIC CHARLES BOYEL, and  
ALLAN BROWN STEWART to  
sign for the Company "per  
procuration" from this date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1921.

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
a GENERAL MEETING of  
Members will be held in the pavilion  
of the Club on TUESDAY, the 10th May,  
1921, at 8.30 p.m. for the purpose of  
confirming the following resolutions  
which were passed at an extraordinary  
general meeting of members held on  
the 14th day of April, 1921.

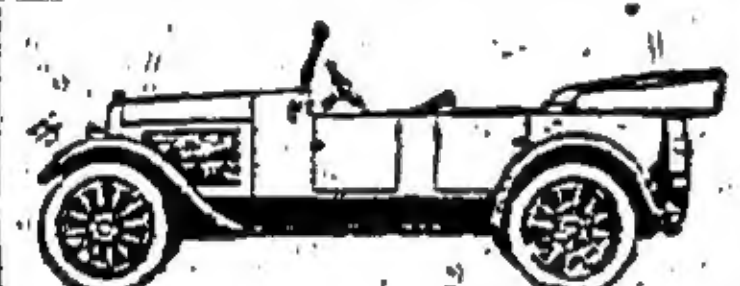
1. That the present Hongkong  
Cricket Club be wound up, and  
the Committee be authorised to  
take all necessary steps for the  
purpose.
2. That the Committee be authorised  
to register a Company limited by  
guarantee not exceeding \$100 per  
member, on the terms of the  
Memorandum and Articles of  
Association which will be submitted  
to the Meeting.
3. That the Committee be authorised  
to assign and hand over to the  
new Company, when registered, all  
the assets of the Club.

By Order of the Committee.  
**L. S. GREENHILL,**  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, May 2, 1921.

**St. John's Cathedral**  
**MONDAY,**  
May 9th,  
at 9.15 p.m.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
an EXTRAORDINARY MEET-  
ING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION will be held at the CITY  
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,  
the 28th day of May, 1921, at NOON,  
for the purpose of considering and if  
thought fit passing the following  
resolutions:

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong  
& Shanghai Banking Corporation be  
and they are hereby requested and  
authorised by and on behalf of  
the shareholders of the Com-  
pany to take the steps necessary  
for the introduction of an Ordinance  
into the Legislative Council of  
the Colony of Hongkong and for  
the enactment of the same by the  
Governor of Hongkong with the  
consent of the Council of the  
Legislative Council thereof to effect  
the amendments necessary to the  
Ordinance under which the Com-  
pany is incorporated and carrying  
on business so as to allow of the  
capital of the Company being  
from time to time increased from  
20 millions of dollars the present  
authorised capital of the Company  
to 50 millions of dollars.

2. That the Capital of the Hongkong  
& Shanghai Banking Corporation be  
forthwith increased "from  
\$13,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the  
creation of 40,000 New Shares of  
\$125 each to be issued at the  
price of \$70 on the terms after  
mentioned. Shareholders on the  
Eastern Register to pay for their  
allocations at the rate of exchange  
for the Company's demand Bills on  
London on the day on which the  
instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the  
first instance, in such manner as  
the Directors shall prescribe for  
that purpose, offered to share-  
holders in the proportion of one  
New Share for every three shares  
which on the 28th day of May, 1921,  
Shareholders shall respectively  
be the registered Holders, and  
that any New Shares not ac-  
cepted by Shareholders within  
the time limited by the Directors  
for that purpose be disposed of  
and allotted by the Directors in  
such manner and at such price as  
in their discretion they shall think  
best in the interests of the Com-  
pany.

4. That the payment of the sum of  
\$70 per share for each of the said  
New Shares be made as follows,  
viz—

- 1st instalment of \$35 on the  
1st of July, 1921.
- 2nd and final instalment of \$35  
on the 1st day of October,  
1921.

5. That the Directors issue to Share-  
holders, holding shares less than  
or not a multiple of three, a frac-  
tional certificate in respect of each  
share less than three or in excess  
of a multiple of three and allot  
one New Share to every person  
who shall produce three such  
Fractional Certificates on or before  
the 1st day of July, 1921, and  
pay the first instalment in respect  
thereof.
6. That after payment of the instal-  
ment, and pending payment of  
the remaining instalment, Scrip  
Certificates in such form as the  
Directors may determine be issued  
in respect of such New Shares  
entitling the holders on payment  
of the remaining instalment, and  
subject to such other terms as to  
approval, date for lodging scrip  
certificates and otherwise as the  
Directors may prescribe, to be  
registered as the owner of the  
shares respectively represented by  
such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 6 per  
cent. per annum be allowed out  
of the profits of the Company on  
instalments paid in advance of the  
dates when the same become due,  
and that registered holders of  
Scrip Certificates for New Shares  
be entitled in respect of such New  
Shares to participate in future  
dividends on an equality with the  
old shares, in proportion to the  
instalments paid up, and from due  
dates for payment of same.
8. That interest at the rate of 8 per  
cent. per annum be charged on  
each instalment not punctually  
paid, and be paid with each such  
instalment.
9. That all moneys received from  
premium on the said New Shares  
be added to the Sterling Reserve  
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**A. G. STEPHEN,**  
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Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

WASHINGTON, May 3rd.—  
Mr. Hughes, in his note on Monday  
evening, informed Herr von Simons that  
the German counter-proposals were un-  
acceptable as the basis of discussion of  
reparations, and urged Germany to fulfil  
the desire of the American Government  
for a prompt settlement of "this vital  
question."

LONDON, May 3rd.—  
Admiral Grandet, the French Mediter-  
ranean Admiralissimo, who was sum-  
moned by M. Briand, arrived in London this  
morning, accompanied by a number of  
officers. There are numerous Allied naval  
and military officers in London, awaiting  
orders from Downing Street.

When the Supreme Council assembled  
at 11 o'clock this morning, following a  
meeting of financial experts, it was re-  
garded probable that the meeting would  
last the whole day.

M. Briand, who was shown the text of  
the American note to Germany, expressed  
pleasure at its tone.

PARIS, May 3rd.—  
Various units destined for the Rhine-  
land entrained at several places, yester-  
day, in perfect order. There will be  
400,000 men ready to occupy the Ruhr  
area by May 8th, according to *Le Petit*.  
Parisien, while *L'Echo de Paris* says that  
the French Mediterranean Squadron has  
been chosen to effect the blockade of Ger-  
man ports, in which event British co-  
operation will be under the orders of a  
British Admiral.

Nothing is known in British official  
quarters of the new German note to the  
United States. It is thought that the  
report regarding it must refer to Ger-  
many's recent message to America,  
amplifying the proposals in the German  
note of April 24th. There is no news of  
any new German proposals.

## U.S. JOB PRINTERS' STRIKE.

NEW YORK, May 3rd.—  
The job printers employed in numerous  
plants throughout the country are con-  
tinuing out on strike, owing to the pro-  
prietors refusing to grant a 44-hour week.  
It is estimated that nearly 5,000 have  
struck in Chicago, and several newspapers  
have been compelled to cease publication  
or issue joint or curtailed editions.

## U.S. SHIPPING STRIKE.

LONDON, May 3rd.—  
The *Times* New York correspondent  
says that 200 ships are held up in New  
York harbour, as a result of the strike  
of 6,000 marine engineers, the Unions  
having instructed 40,000 seamen and fire-  
men on the Atlantic ports to strike. The  
daily loss from the strike is estimated at  
\$250,000.

NEW YORK, May 3rd.—  
The American Steamship Owners'  
Association has rejected the suggestion  
of Mr. Hoover to submit their dispute  
with the marine workers to arbitration.

## "TOKYO MARU" ABLAZE.

ATOKU, May 2nd.—  
The *Tokyo Maru*, which left Valparaiso  
for Hongkong, had an outbreak of fire  
on board while at sea. The crew have  
been rescued, but it is feared that the  
vessel is a total loss.

## FOR PEACE IN IRELAND.

LONDON, May 3rd.—  
The ex-Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr.  
Farrell, it is stated, has received a semi-  
official offer from the Government, which  
is described as the biggest ever suggest-  
ed; namely, that the Government is pre-  
pared to give Ireland Dominion Home  
Rule, subject to national defence safe-  
guards, immediately Ireland is ready to  
accept it.

Mr. Farrell declared that he submitted  
the offer to David Eneas.

LONDON, May 2.—  
Lord Edmund Talbot, now Viscount  
Fitz Alan, was sworn in as Viceroy at  
a meeting of the Privy Council in  
Dublin Castle, the quaint ceremonial  
occurring in private. Viscount and  
Viscountess Fitz Alan arrived at  
Kingstown in the early morning, and  
were greeted on landing by the news-  
paper-seller, who has welcomed every  
Viceroy during the last 150 years.  
His Excellency shook hands with the  
old man.

It is officially announced that three  
policemen and four Sinn Feiners were  
killed in an affray in South Ireland  
during the week-end.

LONDON, May 2.—  
In the House of Commons, replying  
to questions, Mr. Short stated that  
Lord Derby's visit to Ireland was  
undertaken purely on his own respon-  
sibility and initiative. The Govern-  
ment had not entrusted Lord Derby  
with a further mission.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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## NO FOREIGN COAL.

LONDON, May 3rd.—  
As regards shipments of French coal,  
transport leaders have appealed to men  
not to handle the coal. They declared  
in an interview, that assurances had been  
received from Dutch, French, Belgian,  
German and Austrian workers that they  
would prevent the export of coal to Great  
Britain. Furthermore, the attempt would  
be frustrated at British ports. They said  
that feeling among transport workers is  
such that coal importation will not be  
tolerated.

In the meanwhile, two steamers with  
Belgian coal arrived at Yarmouth, on  
Sunday, but the Union labourers de-  
clined to unload, whereupon sufficient vol-  
unteers were forthcoming to discharge on  
steamer, the police protecting the volun-  
teers.

LONDON, May 3rd.—  
The Government has agreed to allow  
trading at Kempton and Newmarket  
provided that it does not involve the use  
of railways.

## SPECIAL CHINESE ENVOY.

PARIS, April 30th.—  
A farewell dinner given by Chu Chi-  
chen, the Chinese President's Special  
Envoy to France, was attended by a  
number of prominent personalities in  
the scientific, military and political  
world, notably, among them, the Minister  
of Commerce, M. Dore, the former  
Premier Fauriol, the University Rector  
Appell, and Marshalls Fayolle and  
Petain. Marshal Petain, in an address,  
stated that France remains profoundly  
peaceful, and is not moved by the im-  
perialistic ideas at all—*Havas*.

## CHINA'S COPPER COINAGE.

## APPALLING STATE OF AFFAIRS.

## LIGHT WEIGHT COINS IMPORTED BY THE MILLION.

In the notice posted up in the tram-  
cars, announcing that in future brass  
cents cannot be accepted as payment  
for fares, lies a remarkable story of  
the suicidal course which is being  
taken by those responsible for China's  
currency policy.

Only two months ago there ap-  
peared in circulation considerable quan-  
ties of new copper coins of poor qual-  
ity. These have accelerated the de-  
preciation of small money to an alarm-  
ing degree. Mr. Donald McColl,  
general manager of the International  
Settlement railway system, who is a  
foremost authority on here on cur-  
rency problem, in an interview with  
a representative of the *North-China*  
*Daily News* recently, said that the  
shameful policy of exploitation for  
a state of affairs in which people  
could obtain the greatest number of  
cents to the dollar. Thus for small  
payments such as tram fares, matches  
and other sundries small money was  
exclusively used.

In a country like China, he con-  
tinued, vast numbers of the people  
are paid in copper coins and adjust-  
ments have not been made which com-  
pensate for depreciation. The pur-  
chasing power of the people has  
therefore, been reduced to a very low  
ebb. Again the position is aggravated  
by H.C.L. In a country like China  
with the population poor at the best  
of times, a depreciated and further  
depreciating subsidiary currency is  
greatly intensifying the struggle for  
existence.

DISASTER AHEAD.  
"It is no exaggeration," declared  
Mr. McColl, "to say that the cur-  
rency policy of China to-day, unless  
promptly remedied, can scarcely fail  
to have far-reaching and disastrous  
consequences."

The railway companies were  
obliged to issue instructions to their  
employees not to accept the new  
tokens in payment of fares. The rea-  
sons for this departure are strikingly  
illustrated in the following figures  
which Mr. McColl gave our repre-  
sentative.

In 1909 the number of passen-  
gers carried amounted to 11,772,715.  
The gross revenue from each passen-  
ger was 4.84 cents; the loss by de-  
preciation of subsidiary coinage was  
20.25 per cent., leaving a net receipt  
per capita of 3.86.

For the first quarter of 1921 the  
number of passengers carried was

## MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Apr 27th, 1921.

## Butcher Meat.

Beef Steaks—Mal Long Pa	lb. 20
"Prime Cut	" 21
"Corned—Ham Ngau Yek	" 22
"Roast—Shih	" 20
"Breast—Ngau Nam	" 16
"Jockey—Tong Yek	" 18
"Steak—Ngau Yek Pa	" 20
"Steak Steaks—Ngau Lan	" 21
"Sausages—Ngau Cheung	" 23
Ballock's Brains—Ngau No per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li each lb	30
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Li	each 50 cents
Head—New Tan	each 30
Heart—Ngau Nam	lb. 12
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kiu	18
Feet—Ngau Kiu	each 10
Kidneys—Ngau Yek	" 9
"Ngau Mei	" 18
Liver—Ngau Nam	lb. 13
Tripe (washed)—Ngau To lb.	10
Two-Week—Ngau To	each \$1.00
Mutton Chop—Yung Pak Kwai	lb. 32
Leg—Yung Pak	" 32
Shoulder—Yung Pak	" 32
Saddle—Yung Pak	" 32
Pig's Chittlings—Chu Cheung	" 32
Brains—Chu No	per set 2
Feet—Chu Kiu	lb. 15
Fry—Chu Chap	" 15
Head—Chu Tan	" 15
Heart—Chu Sam	each 10
Kidneys—Chu Yek	each 10
Liver—Chu Kiu	lb. 32
Pork Chop—Chu Pak Kwai	" 32
Leg—Chu Pak	" 32
Loin—Chu Han Tan	" 34
Fat or Lard—Chu Yek	" 23
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yung	
Tan Kiu	each 70
Heart—Yung Sam	each 10
Kidneys—Yung Yek	each 12
Liver—Yung Kiu	lb. 32
Butting Pig, to order—Chu Yek	24
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yek	19
Mutton—Shang Yek—Yek	32
Veal—Ngau Tai Yek	20
Sausages—Ngau Tai Cheung	No. 1 lb. 23

## Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Tan	lb. 18
Capon, Small—Shi Kai	" 24
Capon, Large—Shi Kai	" 28
Duck—Ap	" 30
Dove—Pau Kiu	" 20
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking) per doz.	22
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (fresh)—per doz.	22
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb. 40
Fowls, Canton—Hot Nam Kai	" 32
Geese—Nga	each 25
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap, each	25
"Hollow—Hot Nam Pak Kap	
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb. 70
Turkeys, Hen—Fo Kai Na	" 85
Salpae—Shi Tai	each 22
Pheasant—Shi Kai	" 1.10
Quail—Oua Chiu	" 20
Partridges—Chu Kiu	" 20

## Fruits.

Almonds—Heng Yan	lb. 35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan	Ping Ko
Bananas (Orinda), Macao—Shan	Heng Chiu
Carimbo's—Yung To	" 5
Cocoanuts—Ye Tan	each 10
Lemons, China—Ling Mung	lb. 18
Lemons (American)—Kam Shan	Ling Mung
Lichees, Dried, (small sizes)	each 9
"Large—Lai Chi Kiu	lb. 35
Oranges (Canton), Sweet	" 15
Oranges, Shan-cheng Tim Chang	lb. 24
Pears (Canton), Cooking—Shi Tai	" 12
Pears—Ye Shang	" 12
Persimmons, Large—Hung Tse	" 12
Plum, Plain—Tai Chiu	" 12
Pumpkins, Plain—Taim Lo Yek	each 12
Walnuts—Hoy To	lb. 14
Grapes—Fo Tai Tai	" 12

## Vegetables, &amp;c.

Artichokes—Ah Chi Cheuk	each 8
Peas, Sprouts—Nga Tan	lb. 6
"Long—Tau Kok	" 2
Beet Root—Kung Tse Tan	" 2 each
Bitter Squash—Fa Kiu	" 19
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yek Kwai	" 5
"Red—Heng Kiu	" 6
Cabbage Chinese, (common)	" 6
"Kai Tai	" 6
"(Shanghai)—Ye Tai	" 6
Cauliflower, bunch—Kam Shan	" 4
Cauliflower (Large)—Ye Tai Fauch	" 4
"(Small)	" 4
Celery—Kam Shan	lb. 5
Cucumbers—Tong Kam Tai	" 4
Chillies, Dried—Kiu Lai Chiu	" 30
"Red—Heng Fa Chiu	" 25
"Green—Ching Lai Chiu	" 8
Curry Stuff, English—Kai Chi Chiu	lb. 10
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each 2
Garlic—Sun Tai	lb. 6
Ginger young—Sun Tai Kung	" 6
Ginger, old—Lo Kung	" 6
Horseradish, Shanghai—Lai Kai	" 2
Indian Corn—Shi Kai	each 6
Lettuces—Yung Shang Tai	lb. 5
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb. 7
"Mandarin—Kwai	" 5
Minshrooms, Fresh—Shang Tai Kiu	lb. 10
Okros	lb. 10
Onions, Bombay—Yung Chung Tai	lb. 12
Onions, Green—Shing Ching	lb. 10
Onions, Shanghai—Shing Ching	lb. 10
Parsley—Kai Tai	20
Potatoes, Sweet—Fai Shu	3
"Japanese—Yai Fu—Shu Tai	lb. 10
"American—Fa Kai Shu Tai	lb. 10
Pumpkins—Tung Kiu	lb. 4
Radishes—Heng Lo Pak Tai	" 10
Shallots (French)—Shi Kung	" 12
Shallots—Kung Ching Tai	" 10
Spinach—Yin Tai	" 5
Tomatoes—Pau Kiu	" 5
Taro—Ye Tai	" 6
Turnips, Fresh (Long)—Lo Pak	" 6
Vegetable Marrow—Tai Kiu	" 6
Water Cress—Sal Yung Tai	" 6
"Lily root—Lai Ngau	" 6
Yams—Ta Shu	" 6

equal to about 116 millions per an-  
num. The gross receipts per head  
were only 2.28 cents. The net re-  
venue per passenger was as low as  
1.59 cents, representing a loss by  
depreciation of subsidiary coinage of  
30.29 per cent. It is estimated that  
at least 3,080,000,000 copper cents  
are in circulation, owing to enormous  
additions to this currency during the  
past few years. The immediate effect,  
on top of an already superabundant  
currency, has been to increase the  
ratio of depreciation. In Shanghai in  
January, 1919, 132.12 cent coins  
went to the dollar, in February, 1921,  
143.50, on March 12 last the rate  
was as high as 145.37, and to-day the  
figure stands at 148.83.

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coins came into the port on the 26th  
instant from Hankow by the str.  
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race, Robinson Road.

## The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1921.

THE EINSTEIN RELATIVITY  
RUBBISH.

Confound Einstein and all his works! His Theory of Relativity threatens to become a bore. The more it is "explained," the less there seems to be in it. The more we study it, the more we suspect a vulgar bamboozlement. Yet educated men talk of it respectfully, as if it mattered. Is there a conspiracy to pull the public leg, or are they less wise than we thought them? Or is the very clear and lucid mental state we fancy we have attained an illusion? As we see it, nothing is changed, nothing new advanced save new tricks with old words. A prize of \$5,000 (gold) was offered for the best explanation, which was won by L. Bolton, M.A., of the British Patent Office, and published in the *Scientific American*. This essay we have just read.

It is admitted that light waves in *vacuo* (apart from gravitation, the shifting observer, or the moving source) travel in a straight line at a regular pace. It is admitted that even slowing for the fact that the observer moves (on our whirling globe) lengths (measurements) at right angles to the direction of motion are "not affected," that is

to say, they are stable, and may be trusted. It seems to follow that lengths are not "affected" because they are in the line of motion, but only seem to be, as two parallel lines seem to come together when we look down a long railway gauge. Then why quarrel with the Newtonian theory, when we do not in a panic stop the train? It is admitted that these alleged variations in what should be stable measurements are very small, and only demonstrable mathematically. Not that the mathematician can picture the thing mentally any better than other people, but his symbols enable him to abstract the relevant properties from it, and to express them in a form suitable for exact treatment without the necessity of picturing anything, or troubling whether or not the properties are those on which others rest for their conceptions.

Quite so; but that ignores the power of mathematics to produce unnatural properties, as illusory as those of words. Once deprived of what are here called "pictures" (ideas and concepts) the mind may descend to absurdities, like the mathematician who argued in this way: "My brother Jim is 10 years older than I. When I was two years of age, he was six times as old as I was. When I was five, he was only three times as old as I was. When I was ten, he was only twice as old as I was. Here a mathematical progression downwards is demonstrated, and it remains only to ascertain the age at which I shall catch up with him."

Equally absurd to us appears the Einstein "four dimensional continuum," which is thus explained: "Lengths and times are not inalterable, have not the absolute character formerly attributed to them." [Seven inches does not remain permanently seven inches; nor fifteen minutes a quarter of an hour. What nonsense!] As they present themselves to us they are relations between the objects and the observer which change as

the motion relative to him changes. Time can no longer be regarded as something independent of position and motion, and the question is, What is the reality? The only possible answer is that objects must be regarded as existing in four dimensions, three of these being the ordinary ones of length, breadth, and thickness, and the fourth, time.

That is where the "catch" comes in. "If you want to know the time, ask a policeman." Time (says he) is not independent of position and motion. A dimension is an independent quantity. So let us call time a dimension. Amazing!

Time is not a reality at all. It is a mental fiction, conditional to thinking, by which we measure or note the rhythm of happenings or sensations. If nothing happened, there would be no time. When the observer goes, time ceases.

Remember the flying man's mathematical demonstration that if he could fly faster than the earth revolves, and in an opposite direction, he would travel back in time, through previous years, beyond his own birthday, into bygone centuries. Which is mathematically true and exact, but still absurd. There are more "realities" of experience than time which, if we attempt to consider them outside experience (itself an absurd attempt) become absurd. Thus, a man setting out to get to the opposite side of the street never gets there, because over there they tell him that the opposite side of the street is the side he left. "Opposite" is a reality, a fixed reality, and yet it is relative to the observer. Do we therefore talk of oppositeness as a possible dimension? Not outside the lunatic asylum.

Of all the transparent absurdities of philosophy, this one of setting up "time" as a dimension is most absurd. Although noon in London may be eight or nine o'clock in Hongkong (and so we get "relativity"), fifteen minutes is a quarter of an hour in either place, whether measured at right angles to the direction of motion or not. And so we get the real and the permanent, the measure we may trust and abide by. A clock does not make time; it is only an imperfect instrument for measuring it, and the fact that a clock in the arctic region may go faster than one in the tropics, or vice versa, or faster in an aeroplane than on a train, does not establish "relativity" as regards duration.

Heat and cold may contract or expand a measuring rod, but not the eternal permanence of the dimension of length, wherein, anywhere and anyhow, the length we call six inches must always be six inches.

Einstein asks us to note the experiences of an observer on a rotating disc. We have done so at the circus, and been amused, though we do not think the observer on the disc observed much. That, however, is not Einstein's notion. His observer has to be unconscious of the motion of the disc on which he is. He is to walk about on it, which is just what they couldn't manage in the circus. Then he is to stand where he cannot feel the centrifugal force, and "to watch someone else comparing by repeated applications of a small measuring rod the circumference of a circle, having its centre at that point, with its diameter. The measuring rod when laid along the circumference is moving lengthwise relatively to the observer, and is therefore subject to contraction by his reckoning. When laid radially to measure the diameter this contraction does not occur. The rod will therefore require a greater proportional number of applications to the circumference than to the diameter, and the number representing the ratio of the circumference of the circle to the diameter thus measured will therefore be greater than 3.14159, which is its normal value. Moreover, the relative velocity decreases as the centre is approached, so that the contraction of the measuring rod is less when applied to a smaller circle, and the ratio of the circumference to the diameter, while still greater than the normal, will be nearer to it than before, and the smaller the circle, the less the difference from the normal. For circles whose centres are not at the point of zero force the confusion is still greater, since the velocities relative to the observer of points on them now change from point to point. The whole scheme of geometry as we know it is thus disorganised. Rigidity becomes an unmeaning term, since the standards by which alone rigidity can be tested are themselves subject to alteration. These facts are expressed by the statement that the observer's measured space is non-Euclidian; that is to say, in the region under consideration measurements do not conform to the system of Euclid."

Why is the rod "subject to contraction by his reckoning"? We are willing to take Einstein's word for it that it may appear shorter, but not that it is shorter. It may be true that on a revolving disc we cannot measure accurately, but if we could, the measure would be constant and Euclidian. Moving or not, the relation of circumference to diameter must be constant.

"Relativity" is therefore nothing more important than the relative ability of the observer to be accurate in his measurements, affected by the behaviour of his standards in varying circumstances which have the appearance of affecting them.

Therefore there is no need for the new idea of "time-space," which is an illusion, and geometry is true either on earth or in pure ideas, so long as it gets fair play. Avoiding point is a matter of gravitation. They tell us that a pound of lead would weigh less than a pound on the moon. There is relativity here also, but nothing changes for us. A pound of lead is for us an earth pound of lead, and even if we could take it to the moon, and feel it grow lighter in our hands, we should know that the thing we had carried had remained unchanged and constant.

Let us be fair at this point, and confess that our arguments were foreseen. "Mr. Bolton, after explaining the 'Gaussian co-ordinates' that are now (we gather) necessary to replace useless (!) geometry, writes: 'The conception is somewhat difficult; and it may easily be aggravated into impossibility by anyone who thinks that he is expected to visualize it. Fortunately, this is not necessary; it is merely one of those irrelevantities to which those who are unaccustomed to think in symbols are liable.' To that we reply that those who think in mathematical symbols (altogether emancipated from all other symbols, such as words, or from mind pictures (visualization) are under a delusion, and liable to be further deluded, as by this Einstein foolishness. All symbols, mathematical or other, are analogous to our clock measurements of time, devices to fix thought, and the parent of them all is the picture. The symbol is a convenient (shorthand) picture of a picture, and the picture is the pointer to the thought, otherwise inexpressible. We must never forget (no, not for a moment, if we would think rationally) that the symbol is not the thing, that semi-quavers are not the music, nor words the ideas, nor poems the emotions, but only pointers and figures on the dial of mental activity. Expressed more clearly, our idea is that so far as it from being true that thinking in mathematical symbols is pure thinking, all symbols are handicaps, extra weight we have to carry in the race for the pure idea. We know this because words are symbols, and we traffic in them, while at the same time trying our best to think. The symbol does detract a certain amount of attention from the idea to itself, and as the saying is, we are led away, as the Einsteinians are by the assemblance of their own verbosity."

If Einstein has discovered that light is affected by gravitation, we have no desire to deny it. Let him simply announce it, with his proofs. But he hasn't weakened the values of Newton or of Euclid for the true thinker by one shadow of a shade.

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H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and many other friends went on board the *Blue Funnel* s.s. "Purba" yesterday to wish good voyage to Sir James and Lady Stewart Lockhart.

The *London Daily News*, which published a letter from a correspondent implying that the directors of Farrow's Bank had been guilty of defalcation, the charge being then still under inquiry, has been fined £100 for contempt of Court and ordered to pay the cost. Correspondents who think the columns of the Press are available to them without editorial supervision are invited to take note.

Archbishop Mannix of Melbourne, Australia, who has been in Rome for the past few weeks, had several interviews with Pope Benedict concerning the Irish question. Reports that the Australian prelate is sailing from London on May 14 aboard the steamer "Kleist," of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for Yokohama. Archbishop Mannix will pay a short visit to Japan before returning to Australia.

Concluding argument was heard in H. M. Supreme Court by Mr. Skinner, Turner, Acting Judge, and Capt. Hartford, H.M.S. "Kinsha," in the claim by the owners of the s.s. "Cheng Lo" against the owners of the s.s. "Nanau" Moller, which has been before the Court for several days. Mr. R. Evans (Hemans) appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. S. H. McKean for defendants. Argument having been concluded the Court reserved judgment.

Mr. W. E. Frazer, Second Officer of the British steamer "Persian Prince," who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment at hard labour on April 19 by the Yokohama District Court in connection with the death of a pedlar on board the ship, has appealed his case to the Court of Appeals at Tokyo. The civil case in which the parents of the pedlar asked for ¥25,000 damages for the death of the youth has been settled out of court, according to Mr. Frazer's attorney. The sum paid the parents was in the neighbourhood of ¥1,000.

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## HONGKONG BUSINESS TYPES.

## THE COMPRADE.

The first Europeans to visit China by sea for the purposes of trade were the Portuguese. Vasco de Gama and his bold sailors were prospecting around these shores soon after the year 1500 and a settlement was made in the little neighbouring colony of Macao. Macao had for hundreds of years a monopoly of the trade with South China and many traces of Portuguese influence are still apparent. Among these is the word "Compradore" which is pure Portuguese for "buyer." The Chinese term is "Maipan" and this has exactly the same significance. It would seem therefore that in former days the compradore was the individual appointed to make the firm's purchases, probably for the export trade in tea, silk, and other China produce. No doubt the buyer then saw reserved a buying commission for his services—not to mention the occasional opportunity for a little honest squeeze—yet the result that compradores very often became extremely wealthy and important. Whilst to-day the compradore's function has altered considerably, yet he is still of great importance to the firm with which he is associated. His present work is principally that of guarantor. He stands between the foreign firm and the Chinese dealer and takes much of the risk of trading with his countrymen on his own shoulders.

Hongkong and Shanghai both lie on the edge of a vast and thickly populated country and it is the easiest thing in the world for a dealer who sees bankruptcy ahead to take down his sign-board and slip off into the interior. The compradore is the buffer who bears the shock of such bankruptcies and disappearances. He is expected to recompense the firm for any loss sustained in this fashion and in fact he is bound to do so by the terms of his engagement. And to prevent the compradore himself from vanishing he is required to find guarantors or to deposit securities in the name of the firm. Compradores have been known to clear off suddenly and leave their guarantors to make good any deficits for which they were responsible and cases of both compradore and guarantor disappearing together are said to have occurred. Usually, however, the guarantee takes the form of a deposit of money or of deeds of valuable property which will come into possession of the firm in the event of the compradore absconding.

The foreign house thus protects itself from loss as far as it possibly can. Owing to the presence of the compradore the firm is freed from the trouble of ascertaining the financial standing of every dealer as once the compradore has "chopped" the contract the responsibility for payment rests on him. Expansion of business is thus rendered comparatively easy.

It must be noted, however, that the protection accorded to the firm by the compradore lies within certain well-defined limits and is meant to apply only to normal times. During the present depression of trade many quite good dealers are in a very shaky position and if a general run of bankruptcies were to ensue, losses would soon exceed the amounts deposited by most of the local compradores as their securities.

The position is better here than in Shanghai as there the compradore does not usually undertake to cover the total amount but merely a certain previously arranged percentage. It will thus be realised that while the compradore's guarantee is valuable yet its value is limited. The suggestion has been made indeed that he could very well be dispensed with entirely. He is no longer required as an intermediary since the numerous brokers have supplanted him in this activity. Formerly his knowledge of English was of assistance, but now an ever increasing number of the dealers talk English. Most of the Japanese firms and a few foreign firms in China carry on their business without compradores and deal direct with the retailers. Their brokers are required to exercise caution regarding those with whom they do business, and the firms reckon that what they lose in the way of defaultering buyers they save on the compradore's commission which in a large firm totalled many thousands of dollars a year. There is no question of the dispensability of the compradore. He can be abolished at any time but the wisdom of this step is very doubtful. A protection though only partial is better than none.

Compradores like brokers are of various types some useful and others less so. The latter are often content to sit in their departments calculating their commission on every contract issued. Luckily, however, this type is rare and the Hongkong compradore is generally a man of sound sense, wide experience and tested worth. It is to his advantage to attend to the interests of his firm and often very valuable suggestions have their origin in the mind of the compradore. He is the referee who settles disputes between firm and dealer. He is an unexhaustable source of information on all matters relating to commerce and commodities in China and an excellent judge of what is suitable or otherwise as a selling line. Many of our compradores are also splendid examples of the power of

## A FIRE AT SEA.

## T.M.K. BOAT ABLAZE.

## NEW VESSEL DESTROYED.

On inquiry at the Hongkong Office of the T.M.K. Kien Kaisha this morning it was ascertained by a *China Mail* reporter that the s.s. "Tokyo Maru," whose destruction by fire is reported in our cables, was a freighter of about 8,900 tons. She was quite a new vessel, having been constructed only last year, and her maiden voyage on the South American route from Hongkong to Valparaiso was commenced on December 9.

The "Tokyo Maru" was due here on May 28 and it is thought that the fire must have broken soon after she left Portland. The vessel would most likely have been carrying a cargo of nitrates from South America and lumber from Portland.

## TWILIGHT BABIES.

## REAL FUN AT THE CORONET.

The conception of the "Twilight Baby" film, now showing at the Coronet, had a great idea. Probably some collaborators came in, and mixed things, for it contains fun of the horse-play variety that is out of keeping with the refined and subtle humour of the main idea. The photographer achieved marvellous effects, especially with animals; and there is a dog cleverer than most human actors. Sly skits at the ordinary sensational or melodramatic film, and all its conventional actors tricks, and all lovers of animals, all who have the rudiments of a sense of humour, are bound to get pleasure from seeing this film.

## WHY

## IS "MAUNDY THURSDAY" SO CALLED?

"Maundy" or as it is sometimes called, "Shrove Thursday" is known on the ecclesiastical calendar as "Tyn Thursday," the day before Good Friday, the day on which is commemorated the Last Supper with the Apostles. The word "Maundy" comes through the old French *mande* from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning a command, the reference being to the words of Christ at the Last Supper: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." In early Christian times the chief religious rite performed on this day was the washing of the feet of poor persons or inferiors by the priests, the prelate or some noble of the community, as an act of humiliation and penance, a custom which still survives in certain sections where the Roman or Greek Catholic Church is the official religion. Up until the sixteenth century every charity-boy at the Durham Cathedral in England had his face washed by a monk, and every monk then kissed the feet of a boy, and gave him thirty pence, seven red herrings three loaves of bread, a wafer cake and something to drink.

While the ceremony of washing the feet of the poor has been gradually abandoned, it is still the custom in many places to make Maundy Thursday a day of alms-giving, a practice which has led to the erroneous statement that "Maundy" is derived from the French word for basket, supposedly on account of the fact that the alms were doled out of large baskets carried on the arm.

natural ability to work in any way. Often sprung from lowly origin they rise by sheer intelligence and force of character to positions of great wealth and dignity and show a grasp of the principles of business which is not excelled by that of our best European merchants. It is said that there are compradores in China who are not bound down by any guarantee or deposit and in whose word or "chop" the firm has implicit trust which has never been broken. The old class of compradore with his pidgeon English, his flowing garments and his expansive figure seems destined to disappear. He is being succeeded by the slim, keen, well-tailored, Western-educated individual, equally at home in foreign or Chinese society.

Europeans as a rule feel more at ease with the old type and the hope is often expressed that its successors will display the same worthy qualities. It is quite likely that the future of British trade in China will depend on the closeness of our co-operation with the Chinese themselves and to attain this end the aid of the compradore or his successor will be invaluable.

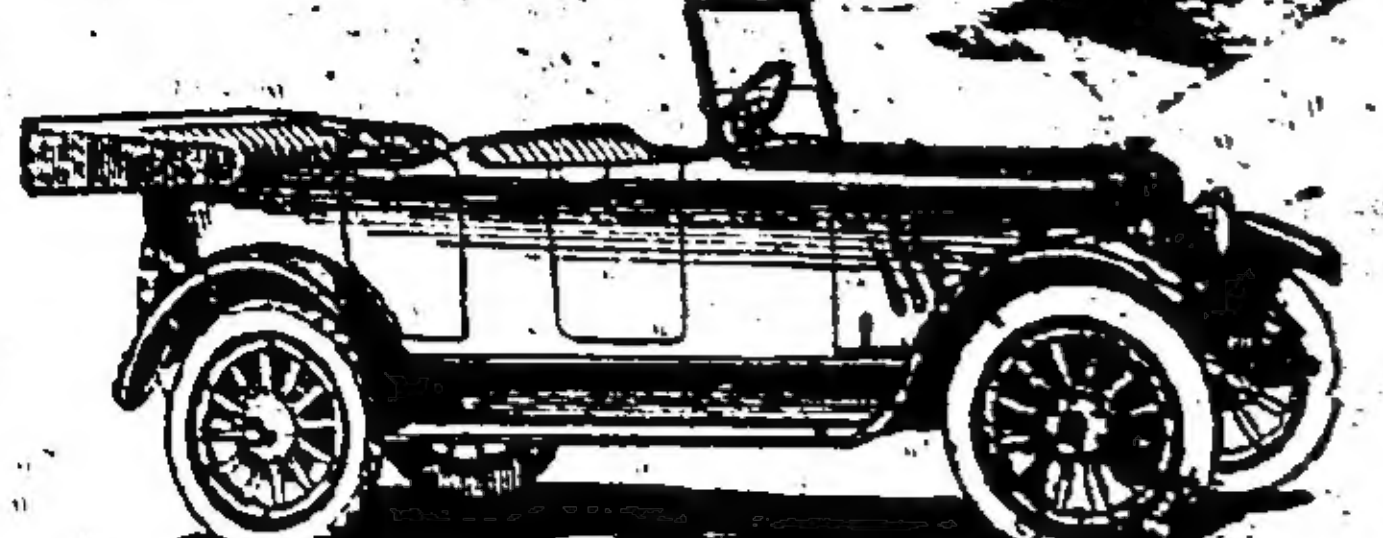
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## KWANGSI LEADERS.

## A CANTON REPORT.

## SECRET HONGKONG MEETINGS.

According to the Canton Times, a report in the vernacular press states that prominent leaders of the Kwangsi clique, such as Mr. Chen-chung, Yang Wing-wei, Wen Chung-yao and others have arrived in Hongkong and are secretly conferring to raise disturbances in Kwangtung with the hope of regaining their lost power in the province. A certain labour union in Hongkong has been bought over by Wen Chung-yao at the price

of \$500 to be used as an organ to carry on their intrigues. In recognition of his "donation" Wen Chung-yao has been elected chairman of this certain labour union.

Two fatal cases of plague, two of smallpox, and one of enteric fever, all Chinese, were reported yesterday, also one non-fatal case of smallpox Chinese.

Captain William Smith, White Star port captain since 1898, who has had forty-three years' service with the company, retired on March 19. His son, who had been in the command of the "Albatross," "Taurus," "Tartarus" and

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MANILA	1790	1108	1904

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Sealed tenders should be lodged with Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., Calcutta. The tenders which must be in Sterling, will be opened at Calcutta, on FRIDAY, the 17th June, 1921, and must be valid for 14 days after that date.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO., 16 Strand Road, CALCUTTA.  
 Hongkong, April 25, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

## FOR A LAME BACK.

WHEN you have pains or lameness in the back, before the pain is too severe, get the "Backache" ointment, a day's treatment with the pain of the back for five minutes at each application. This ointment is of famous quality with its liniment and it is an over-the-counter remedy for all Chinese.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese charged with having thrown boiling water on another man in the course of a quarrel in Shaukiwan was this morning remanded by Magistrate Orme until Monday morning as the complainant was unable to attend court owing to the severity of his scalds.

A Chinese who had been twice banished from the colony was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Orme to a year's hard labour for having picked the pocket of another Chinese yesterday and stolen a purse containing \$5. The police will arrange for his banishment on the expiration of his term of imprisonment.

A wealthy Chinese residing in Sai Kwa Yuen who was bitten by an enraged monkey, one of a large number kept in his garden, died as a result of the wound. While trying to separate two monkeys who were fighting in the garden, he was bitten on the leg, by one of the monkeys which tore away a large piece of flesh.

An Indian constable who charged a Chinese before Magistrate Lindell this morning with disorderly conduct on Blake Pier at 8 p.m., yesterday, said that the defendant while under the influence of samshu refused to pay the two cents charge for sitting on one of the front seats on the pier, and used very abusive language. The defendant denied that he was drunk, and declared that he was sitting on one of the middle seats which were free. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5.

A Chinese who recently returned from America by the s.s. "China," was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with the unlawful possession of a Mauser pistol, a revolver, and 2,000 rounds of ammunition, found by the police yesterday in a trunk he was taking on board the s.s. "Onlee." The defendant entered the usual plea of ignorance of local regulations and was fined \$200. The arms were conditionally confiscated for three months, at the end of which time the defendant could claim them on production of a permit.

Ernest Dance was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with having been drunk and disorderly in West Point last night, and having assaulted a ricksha coolie. The defendant admitted the first offence but said that he could not remember having assaulted the coolie. Inspector Willis of No. 7 Station, said that when the defendant was brought to the charge-room, he was very disorderly and had to be locked up. A fine of \$10 was imposed, and the defendant was ordered to pay the ricksha coolie \$1 as compensation.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

**THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, 21st May, 1921, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1921, and electing Directors and Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 21st May, 1921, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.**

Hongkong, May 4, 1921.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at the HAPPY VALLEY, on SATURDAY, May 7th, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The Charge for Admission will be \$1 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club.  
 Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half price.

The proceeds from the LADIES of Hongkong to be present.  
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**CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.**

## NOTICE.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong will be held in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, 11th day of May, 1921, at 5.30 p.m., for the following purposes:—

To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1920.

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To consider, in conjunction with the Members of the Kowloon Resident's Association, any resolution which may be moved in regard to the increase of House Rates, and any other Municipal matters.

To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

By Order of the Committee,  
**L. M. WHITE,**  
 Hon. Secretary.  
 Hongkong, May 4, 1921.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

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For PORTLAND direct.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1931.

## CHINA'S FOREIGN OFFICE.

## REORGANISATION ANNOUNCED.

Peking, April 22.—A reorganization of the Waichiao is announced. The old system, by which the Foreign Office was divided into four departments instead of three, and which was altered in about the third year of the Republic, will be restored. A feature of the alterations will be the establishment again of a Treaty Department under Mr. Chen Tai.

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

## VESSELS DUE

## FROM HONGKONG

May 2.—P. & O. Dilwara.

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May 6.—R. F. Knight Companion.

May 8.—R. F. City of Shanghai.

May 10.—P. & O. Plassy.

May 12.—R. F. Anchoise.

May 14.—P. & O. Delta.

May 16.—R. F. Mentor.

May 18.—R. F. Tivoli.

May 20.—R. F. Eurymachus.

May 22.—R. F. Leonor.

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"DILWARA"	5,378	10th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"MAGOTA"	7,000	13th May	Malacca, London & A. West.
"PLASBY"	7,348	11th June	Malacca, London & A. West.
"DELTA"	8,000	15th June	Malacca, London & A. West.

### BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAKADA"	7,000	6th May	Calcutta, via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

### EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KANOWA"	7,000	6th May	India, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	5,000	10th May	India, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.

### SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	5,000	7th May	Japan direct.
"ARATON APCAR"	4,500	10th May	Japan via Shanghai.
"PLASBY"	7,348	20th May	Shanghai only.

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There was a faint, dripping sound; a whispering, echoing drip, drip of falling water. I could not tell whence it proceeded.

Almost supporting my companion, whose courage seemed suddenly to have failed her, I stared fascinatedly at that blood-stained relic. Something—then induced me to look behind; I suppose a warning instinct of that sort which is unexplainable. I only know that upholding Carneta with my revolver in my right hand, I turned and glanced over my shoulder.

Very slowly, but with a constant, regular motion, the massive door was closing.

I snatched away my arm; in my left hand I held the electric torch; and springing sharply about I directed the searching ray into the black gap of the stairway. A yellow face, a malignant Oriental face, came suddenly, fully, into view! Instantly I recognized it for that of the man who had driven Hassan's car!

Acting upon the determination with which I had entered the Gate House, I raised my revolver and fired straight between the evil eyes! To the fact that I dropped my left hand in the act of pulling the trigger with my right, and thus lost my mark, the servant of Hassan of Aleppo owed his escape. I missed him. He uttered a shrill cry of fear and went racing up the wooden stair. I followed him with the light and fired twice at the retreating figure. I heard him stumble and a second time cry out. But, though I doubt not he was hit, he recovered himself, for I heard his tread in the corridor above.

Propping wide the door with my foot, I turned to Carneta.

"Earl is dead!" she said, in a queer toneless voice. "He died trying to get—that thing! I will get it, and destroy it!"

Before I could detain her, even had I sought to do so, she stepped into the filthy water, struggled to recover her foothold, and sank above her waist into its sliminess. Without hesitation she began to advance toward the niche which contained the slipper. In the middle of the pool she stopped.

What memory it was which supplied the clue to the identity of that rascaling small heaven alone knows; but as the girl stopped and drew her

self up rigidly—then turned and leaped wildly back toward the door—I knew what occasioned that sickly odour!

She screamed once, dreadfully—shrilly—a scream of agonizing fear that I can never forget. Then roughly I grasped her—for the need was urgent—and dragged her out on the floor, beside me. With her wet garments clinging to her limbs, she fell prostrate on the stones.

A yard from the brink the slimy water parted, and the yellow snout of a huge crocodile was raised above the surface! The saurian eyes, hungrily malevolent, rose next to view!

The extremity of our danger found me suddenly cool. As the thing drew its slimy body up out of the pool, I waited. The jaws were extended toward the prostrate body, were but inches removed from it, dripped their saliva upon the sodden skirt—when I bent forward, and at a range of some ten inches, emptied the remaining three loaded chambers of my revolver into the creature's left eye!

Upturned in bloody foam became the water of that dreadful place. As one recalls the incidents of a fevered dream, I recall dragging Carneta away from the contorted body of the death-stricken reptile.

I succeeded in carrying her up the stair and out through the empty rooms to the veranda; but there, from sheer exhaustion, I laid her down. I had no means of reviving her and I lacked the strength to carry her further. Having recharged my revolver, I stood watching her where she lay, vainly beautiful in the dim light.

There was no doubt in my mind respecting the fate of Earl Dexter; nor could I doubt that the slipper in the dungeon below was a duplicate of the real one. It was a death-trap, into which Hassan had lured Dexter and which he had left baited for whoever might trace the cracksmen to the Gate House. Why Hassan should have remained behind, unless from fanatic lust of killing, I could not imagine.

When at last the fresh night air had its effect, and Carneta opened her eyes, I led her to the gates; nor did she offer the slightest resistance, but looked dutifully before her, muttering and over again: "Earl, Earl!"

The gates were open; we passed out on the open road. No man pursued us, and the night was gravely still.

The next story in this series is: "The Siege of the Uplands."

(To be continued.)

The first party of British military aviators who have been engaged by the Japanese Navy as instructors, arrived in Yokohama by the N.Y.K. steamer "Suwa-maru." The party included Lt. Col. Cecil H. Meares, Major T. B. Fowler, Major H. G. Brackley, Lieut. A. L. Lott, Lieut. H. W. Crisp, and Engineer M. B. Ford. The second party will arrive shortly.

## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## REPARATION DEMANDS.

NAVAL BLOCKADE OF GERMANY SUGGESTED.

ALSO OCCUPATION OF HAMBURG.

LONDON, May 3.  
Reuter learns from a French source that Marshal Foch submitted to the conference details of conditions under which if necessary the occupation of the Ruhr could be undertaken with the co-operation of all the Allies immediately the additional French troops which had been recalled to the colours were ready and the military plan had been entirely agreed upon. Admirals Beatty and Grasset detailed the naval operations which might be carried out by the British and French fleets if deemed necessary. This would include either a blockade of Germany or occupation of Hamburg in co-operation with the land forces.

## AMERICA'S CO-OPERATION SOUGHT.

The conference this morning also approved a telegram to the United States Government inviting it again to be represented on the Supreme Council, the Conference of Ambassadors, and the Reparations Commission. The conference this afternoon will definitely approve the financial programme. This will and the present conference. M. Briand leaves for Paris to-morrow.

The conference to-day also took note of commercial results of the economic sanctions approved by the recent London conference which were described as very satisfactory. The receipts of the allied customs on the Rhine were 150 million paper marks for one month or a total of 500 million gold marks for one year.

LONDON, May 3.

Contrary to anticipations the Supreme Council did not terminate its labours this evening. There will be another meeting to-morrow.

## WHAT GERMANY MUST PAY.

LONDON, May 3.

A communique shows that the Supreme Council sat for five hours until evening. It was completely agreed on the substance of the communication to Germany. The drafting committee is drawing up a protocol to-night which the Reparations Commission (which is due from Paris to-morrow morning) will send. The protocol will be despatched not later than May 6. The German reply is due at the latest at midnight on May 12. Germany has to pay £100,000,000 a year plus a 25 per cent. exports tax, also has to pay £100,000,000 in bonds now and in due course bearing five per cent. interest 65,750,000,000 in bonds now and in due course bearing five per cent. interest of bonds will be redeemed 37 years after issue with interest chargeable to the customs or other revenues acceptable. The Reparations Commission's bonds will be distributable among the Allies in proportions already fixed.

## GERMAN BOND ISSUE.

£600,000,000 of the aforementioned bonds are issuable now, and £1,900,000,000 in November, the balance of £4,250,000,000 to be issued in accordance with Germany's capacity to pay, of which the standard will be the product of the 25 per cent. exports tax. The amount required for the service of the £250,000,000 to be issued now and in November will be £150,000,000. If £250,000,000 annuity and exports tax exceed current interest requirements the £100,000,000 annuity and exports tax will be charged and earmarked one per cent. exports tax making 26 per cent. will be charged and earmarked as interest on unissued bonds. The £150,000,000 due to Belgium in respect of war expenditure borrowed from the Allies and chargeable to Germany is included in the total of the foregoing bonds.

## NAVAL AND MILITARY MEASURES.

LONDON, May 3.

A communique states that the conference examined with Marshal Foch, Admiral Beatty, Field-Marshal Wilson, Admiral Grasset and General Maglaine (Belgium), Marietti (Italy), and Watanabe (Japan) coercive military and naval measures applicable to Germany if she continues to default in her obligations. A plan for the occupation of the Ruhr was approved. The sanction if the necessity arises will comprise naval measures which are still being considered.

## NEW GERMAN OFFER.

LONDON, May 4.

It is stated on good authority that a new German offer to the Allies was telegraphed from Berlin yesterday to the German Ambassador at Paris for transmission to the Reparations Commission. The offer is believed to be approximately to acceptance of the allied decisions in Paris at the end of January. It is presumed that the offer will be placed before the Supreme Council to-day.

## BITTER RESIGNATION.

LONDON, May 4.

The definite and emphatic nature of the rejection of the German note by the United States has created great depression in Berlin. The reply is regarded as a sharp rebuff. The Cabinet met to discuss the situation and it is reported that the Cabinet may follow Washington's advice and make a fresh direct offer to the Allies. The feeling generally is one of embittered resignation. It is further hinted that the reply may now influence the acceptance of von Simons' resignation.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

## A MOMENTOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

LONDON, May 3.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in England which has opened at Newcastle, is momentous for two reasons—firstly on account of the proposals to admit women to eldership and authorise women "of gifts and consecration" to give addresses in the church, and secondly by reason of the fact that the Archbishop of York who addressed the Assembly received a remarkable ovation when he submitted the appeal of the bishops of the Lambeth conference for reunion of the churches. He repudiated the idea of absorbing the free churches. He said that the bishops thought free churches could accept the Nicene Creed and communion sacrament, leaving the communion and ministry as the most difficult field to be explored. The Moderator of the Assembly is the Rev. Barclay, of Formosa.

## DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

LONDON, May 4.

Kingscott has withdrawn from the Davis Cup Team. Gordon Love has been selected. The team will probably be playing Love and Crawley for singles and Lycett and Woonnam for doubles.

## SIR ALGERNON WEST DEAD.

LINES WITH THE PAST.

RAGED THE IRON DUKE.

The death of Sir Algernon West shapes many links with the past and winds up an old London tradition. He was born in Spring Gardens, Charing Cross, in 1832, the year of the Reform Bill. He was born into a London whose inmates were still handicapped and lay naked on straw and were shown at twopence a head. He remembered poor debtors looking through the bars at Dover Castle and ringing a bell to attract alms from passers-by. He travelled often by the mail coaches.

He could remember Queen Victoria's Coronation procession, particularly a row in the crowd there. He watched her marriage procession from Buckingham Palace, and remembered how the ladies of the party noticed that the pianoforte was very dusty and how they thought that Queen Victoria must have very lazy housemaids. The Iron Duke himself raced young Algernon up the steps of Walmer Castle.

He knew Miss Berry—the Miss Berry who had refused Horace Walpole, whose head George I. had patronised. He knew Samuel Rogers, who remembered having seen the Scottish rebels' heads on Temple Bar. He remembered London society when it was so small that there was always a lady recognised as the beauty of the season, and when Lady Palmerston could write out the invitations to her parties by her own hand. He had known nearly every public man in England for two generations. Apart from Lord Morley he was perhaps the last of Mr. Gladstone's intimates.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd., to be held on May 21, 1921, the Board of Directors will recommend a dividend of £1.50 per share.

A new addition to the fleet of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, is the s.s. "Yannis." The s.s. "Yannis" is a standard ship built by the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company. She was sold to Greek owners last year. She has now been re-sold by the Greek owners to the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. She is a five-thousand-ton freighter. It is not known yet on what route she will be placed.

The dust-storm that we enjoyed in Peking recently was extraordinarily widespread, says the Peking Daily News. Two Japanese liners arriving in Yokohama the Saturday following reported great difficulties in navigation owing to being enveloped in a yellow haze. The steam whistles were constantly at work, and so was the lead. The *Sand Press* records an Egyptian darkness. Altogether it seems to have been a very extensive blow.

Owing to the efforts of Mr. Denman Fuller the debt incurred in connection with the recent improvements and repairs to the Cathedral Organ, has been reduced from \$2,500 to \$300 during the past few months. The collection at the Organ recital on Monday next will be devoted to freeing the instrument from debt. The vocalist will be Mrs. Bowes-Smith whom we believe has not sung in public here before. The Organ will include Gullmans' "Introduction and Allegro" from the D. Minor Sonata, "Eric Coster's" "Isle of the Waters" from a Suite recently produced at the Queen's Hall—arranged by Mr. Denman Fuller for the Organ—Bernard Johnson's attractive "Pavane," Wolstenholme's new "Irish Fantasy," and other pieces.

Wan Kan Sol, Chinese constable No. 19, stationed at Wanchai, was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with having harboured a married woman. Sub-Inspector Grant said that defendant having been referred to the police by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs yesterday, he applied for a remand as no representative of the S.C.A. was present in Court. Sub-Inspector Aris said that when charged the defendant said that he gave \$20 for the woman not knowing that she was married. He alleged that the wife of Chinese constable No. 163 acted as go-between in the matter. The Inspector said that the case would be very short as there was only the evidence of the woman's husband and the defendant's wife. The Magistrate said that the go-between should also be produced, and remanded the case until May 9, fixing bail in the sum of \$100.

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## A SILLY REPORT.

## THE MACAO HARBOUR.

PORTUGAL SAID TO BE ON BRINK OF WAR WITH CHINA.

Peking, April 20.—A sensational report was recently circulated by a Lisbon correspondent, to the effect that war was imminent between China and Portugal. Strained relations between these two countries had, it was stated, been caused by China's refusal to permit the Portuguese to construct an efficient harbour at Macao. The correspondent went on to say that Britain was supporting China on this question, as Britain feared that the harbour at Macao would prove a dangerous competitor to Hongkong.

The British Government brought this report to the attention of the Portuguese Government, and the latter issued an emphatic denial which completely removed the misapprehension created by the report. The report was telegraphed to Rio de Janeiro, among other places.

## IRRESPONSIBLE REPORT.

His Excellency the Portuguese Minister to Peking has informed Reuter's Agency that the report emanated from an irresponsible correspondent at Lisbon and was severely deprecated by the Portuguese Government. Upon the attention of the Portuguese Government being drawn to the report by Britain the former immediately issued an emphatic denial which received the thanks of Britain. The relations of Portugal and Britain were in no way affected by this report and remain, as do Portugal's relations with China, as cordial as ever.—P. D. News.

## PASSENGERS.

## DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. "Pyrrhus" yesterday—Mrs. E. M. Williams, Mrs. M. K. More, Mr. A. Newcomb, Mrs. R. D. Fox, Mr. W. H. Gibson, Mr. F. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Drummond, Mr. J. McCormack, Mr. O. Slater, Mrs. G. A. Crosby, Mrs. E. Eason, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. M. Young, Miss A. M. Shaw, Miss Billington, Mr. V. B. Zim, Messrs. W. M. Domingos, D. Timmins, S. B. French, Mason, E. Read, Mr. D. C. Orr, Mr. E. Beary, Mr. R. H. B. Beary, Capt. G. W. Long, Stewart Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black, Mr. and Mrs. Bolt, Mr. A. C. Bart, Mr. and Mrs. P. Conliffe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. O. Harker, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hamilton, Mr. E. R. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, Mrs. Barrett Leonard, Mrs. Linton, Mr. W. Hume, Mrs. O. Riebel, Mrs. G. F. Strickland, Mrs. Temperley, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Oabb Watt.

Having gone to sleep with the electric light still burning, Mr. V. M. McGargle, of Messrs. Brown and Co., Ltd., Colombo, woke for no apparent reason at about 2 a.m., on April 11 and, still half asleep, saw a man looking at him over the tea-poy table two feet from his bedside. McGargle was sleeping beneath a mosquito curtain the end of which was tucked under the bed, but, despite this fact, he made a dive at the man, bringing the curtain down on top of him. While Mr. McGargle was disentangling himself from the folds of the curtain the burglar closed and a sensational struggle followed in the course of which Mr. McGargle was thrice stabbed. Mr. McGargle, though bleeding profusely from his wounds, held the man down until assistance arrived. The alleged assailant was subsequently placed before a magistrate and remanded.

## HONGKONG HOUSE RENTS.

## NEW AGREEMENT.

## JAPAN PAPER'S COMMENT.

The reference in the summarised report of the Economic Resources of Hongkong to the increase of the rate of houses from 13 to 20 per cent. will mean a serious matter for house-owners and householders in Hongkong. Rents are high enough in Japan, but this is a phenomenon that has appeared in all countries since the war, says the *Japan Chronicle*. In Hongkong, however, rents have always been high, and if they have increased since the war must be at an appalling figure, so that when in addition 20 per cent. of the assessed value must be paid annually in taxes, house rent must represent a considerable proportion of the salary received in most cases. As long ago as 1865 hit complaints were made of the high rents in Hongkong. In a book published in that year on "The Treaty Ports of China and Japan" it is said: "House rent in Hongkong is frightfully exorbitant. For a house, equal to that for which some £35 or £40 per annum would be demanded in England, the average rent is \$60 per month, which with about \$18 per quarter as taxes, makes a suitable house an expensive luxury; for houses commanding about \$18 per annum in England, \$45 per month is demanded, and nothing considered reasonable can be obtained under this figure. In numerous houses can be had, the rent in advantageous situations ranging as high as \$250 per month for a single floor of four rooms." The dollar at that time ranged between 4s. 2d. and 4s. 6.

## SUPERSTITIONS.

## COVERING MIRRORS.

In some sections of the country it is customary when a death has occurred in the family to cover the mirrors and to keep them shrouded while the body remains in the house. Generally, however, it is only a mirror which happens to be in the room where the body lies which is veiled.

This custom is traced by Professor Frazer to the belief of primitive man of which belief we still see vestiges remaining—that the ghost, the soul, of a dead person hovers for a while about its late tenement. A man's reflected image was considered to be a part of himself, possibly his "exterior soul"—and concerning the belief in "exterior souls" the professor has accumulated a vast amount of data. The idea in veiling the mirror was to obviate the chance of the lingering soul of the deceased taking away with it the "exterior soul" of any person whose reflected image appeared in the glass.

Mirrors are very ancient and before mirrors were introduced there were pieces of bright metal in which an image might be reflected and which were covered upon occasions of death, a custom still observed by some savage tribes.

Whether the "exterior soul" idea applies here, as the professor thinks, or not, it is certain that primitive man like the savage who is the primitive man of to-day regarded his reflection as something vitally pertaining to his personality, and it was natural that he should protect it against any possibility of contact with a lingering spirit by preventing its existence. And what was begun as a precaution is practised to-day because of an atavism which makes the superstitious feel that it might be "unlucky" not to do it.

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## PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

## CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.	
May 5.-D.S.K.	Sochu Maru.
6.-D.S.K.	Choyang.
8.-D.S.K.	Haibong.
9.-D.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
10.-D.S.K.	Hangchow.
11.-D.S.K.	Haiching.
12.-D.S.K.	Haiching.

AMOI.	
May 5.-D.S.K.	Sochu Maru.
6.-D.S.K.	Choyang.
8.-D.S.K.	Haibong.
9.-D.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
10.-D.S.K.	Hangchow.
11.-D.S.K.	Haiching.
12.-D.S.K.	Haiching.

## FOOCHOW.

May 10.-D.L.	Haiching.
11.-D.L.	Haiching.

## SHANGHAI.

May 5.-C.N.	Sanning.
6.-C.N.	Choyang.
7.-C.N.	Yingchow.
8.-C.N.	Hangchow.
9.-C.N.	Shantung.
10.-C.N.	Tientsin.
11.-C.N.	Tientsin.
12.-C.N.	Tientsin.

## TIENSIN.

May 6.-C.N.	Choyang.
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## TSINGTAO.

May 5.-C.N.	Choyang.
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## TAKAO.

May 5.-O.S.K.	Sochu Maru.
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## KEELUNG.

May 8.-O.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
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## PUKOW.

May 10.-C.N.	Shantung.
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## HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

May 8.-C.N.	Kaifong.
11.-C.N.	Taiwang.

## SAIGON.

May 10.-M.M.	Amakusa.
11.-M.M.	Lake Onawa.
12.-M.M.	Kishu Maru.

## SINGAPORE.

May 13.-A.L.	Lake Onawa.
14.-A.L.	Taiwang.
15.-A.L.	Kishu Maru.
16.-A.L.	Nile.
17.-A.L.	China.

## BANGKOK.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

## MANILA.

May 6.-C.N.	Yuenang.
11.-C.N.	Aberdeen.
12.-C.N.	Nanking.

## JAVA PORTS, ETC.

May 9.-Nanyo Y.K.	Macassar Maru.
10.-Nanyo Y.K.	Tisonard.
11.-Nanyo Y.K.	Lake Onawa.
12.-Nanyo Y.K.	Tyloet.

## INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

## CALCUTTA.

May 8.-N.Y.K.	Toke Maru.
9.-N.Y.K.	Takada.
10.-N.Y.K.	Leisang.
11.-N.Y.K.	Japan.
12.-N.Y.K.	Aratoun Apoc.

## BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

May 5.-O.S.K.	Ganges Maru.
10.-O.S.K.	Dilwara.
11.-O.S.K.	Tajima Maru.

## AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

May 6.-E.A.	Kaifong.
11.-E.A.	Amakusa.
12.-E.A.	Amakusa.
13.-E.A.	Amakusa.
14.-E.A.	Amakusa.
15.-E.A.	Amakusa.
16.-E.A.	Amakusa.
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25.-E.A.	Amakusa.
26.-E.A.	Amakusa.
27.-E.A.	Amakusa.
28.-E.A.	Amakusa.
29.-E.A.	Amakusa.
30.-E.A.	Amakusa.
31.-E.A.	Amakusa.

## SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

May 6.-E.A.	Kaifong.
11.-E.A.	Amakusa.
12.-E.A.	Amakusa.
13.-E.A.	Amakusa.
14.-E.A.	Amakusa.
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28.-E.A.	Amakusa.
29.-E.A.	Amakusa.
30.-E.A.	Amakusa.
31.-E.A.	Amakusa.

## JAPAN PORTS.

May 7.-E.A.	St. Albans.
10.-E.A.	Penang Maru.
11.-E.A.	Aratoun Apoc.
12.-E.A.	Nanyo Y.K.
13.-E.A.	Kishu Maru.
14.-E.A.	Shidzuka Maru.
15.-E.A.	Shidzuka Maru.
16.-E.A.	Shidzuka Maru.
17.-E.A.	Shidzuka Maru.
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31.-E.A.	Shidzuka Maru.

## HAMBURG.

May 7.-E.A.	Berlin.
10.-E.A.	Amakusa.
11.-E.A.	Amakusa.
12.-E.A.	Amakusa.
13.-E.A.	Amakusa.
14.-E.A.	Amakusa.
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## CROUP.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

## LIVERPOOL.

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## AMERICAN PORTS.

## VANCOUVER.

May 10.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Japan.
11.-C.P.O.S.	Melville Maru.
12.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Asia.
13.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Russia.
14.-C.P.O.S.	Monteagle.
15.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Japan.

## VICTORIA.

May 14.-A.L.	Wanatchee.
15.-A.L.	Fushimi Maru.

## SEATTLE.

May 8.-O.S.K.	Manila Maru.
9.-O.S.K.	Suwa Maru.
10.-O.S.K.	Wanatchee.
11.-O.S.K.	West Jester.
12.-O.S.K.	Katori Maru.
13.-O.S.K.	Edmore.
14.-O.S.K.	Treco.
15.-O.S.K.	West Lion.
16.-O.S.K.	Africa Maru.
17.-O.S.K.	Fushimi Maru.
18.-O.S.K.	Talhybus.
19.-O.S.K.	Edmore.
20.-O.S.K.	Ixon.
21.-O.S.K.	Keystone State.
22.-O.S.K.	Kashima Maru.
23.-O.S.K.	Wanatchee.
24.-O.S.K.	Protetians.
25.-O.S.K.	Keystone State.
26.-O.S.K.	Treco.
27.-O.S.K.	Talhybus.

## PORTLAND.

June 2.-A.L.	Abercon.
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## SAN FRANCISCO.

May 11.-T.K.K.	Persia Maru.
12.-T.K.K.	Gornatolo.
13.-T.K.K.	China.
14.-T.K.K.	West Carmonia.
15.-T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.
16.-T.K.K.	Ribera Maru.
17.-T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.
18.-T.K.K.	Ribera Maru.
19.-T.K.K.	Nile.
20.-T.K.K.	Shinyo Maru.

## LOS ANGELES.

May 22.-S.E.D.	West Carmonia.
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## VALPARAISO.

May 21.-N.Y.K.	Amakusa Maru.
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(Via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, San Pedro, Salina Cruz, Balboa, Callao, Lima & Iquitos).

May 13.-T.K.K.	Saiyo Maru.
14.-T.K.K.	Rakuyo Maru.
15.-T.K.K.	Choyo Maru.

## NEW YORK.

May 7.-B.L.	Kaifong.
8.-B.L.	Wanatchee.
9.-B.L.	Bowen Castle.
10.-B.L.	Gornatolo.
11.-B.L.	Melville Maru.
12.-B.L.	Empress of Japan.
13.-B.L.	Empress of Asia.
14.-B.L.	Empress of Russia.
15.-B.L.	Monteagle.
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30.-B.L.	Empress of Russia.
31.-B.L.	Monteagle.

## SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

## DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

## EUROPEAN PORTS.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

## BRINDISI, VENICE, &amp; TRIESTE.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

## MARSEILLES.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

## LONDON.

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## LIVERPOOL.

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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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TRADE CREDITS.

EXTENSION OF SCHEME TO FAR EAST OPPOSED.

LONDON, May 3.

It is stated that Eastern banking institutions are opposed to an extension of the credits scheme to British India and British possessions in the Far East, including Hongkong, on the grounds that the scheme would enable the eastern importer to enter into fresh contracts with the British exporter through other channels than those having knowledge of his possibly having dishonoured bills running to large amounts.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

GOVERNMENT TO PAY £51,000,000 WARTIME CLAIMS.

LONDON, May 3.

Sir Eric Geddes announced in the House of Commons that it had been arranged to pay the railway companies £51,000,000 in full settlement of various claims under wartime agreements. A recent departmental committee assessed possible liabilities at £156,000,000.

NEW GROUPING.

LATER.

Sir Eric Geddes, in the course of an important announcement bearing on the future of British railways, stated that the agreement between the Government and the companies embodied a new railway bill which would also provide for the grouping of the railways. The bill had already been widely endorsed by all the interests concerned.

PAPER FROM BAMBOO.

INDIA ABLE TO SUPPLY THE WORLD.

LONDON, May 3.

Mr. Raitt, an Indian Government cellulose expert, addressing the Society of Arts, referring to the dearth of newsprint owing to the reduced supply of wood, estimated the world's consumption of paper at 12,000,000 tons. He pointed out that only two vegetable substances were economically valuable for paper-making, namely bamboo and savannah grasses. He expressed the opinion that Burmah, Bengal, and South-West India could produce 10,000,000 tons of bamboo pulp annually and Assam 3,000,000 tons of savannah grass pulp. Therefore India could produce enough pulp for the whole world. There were prospects that bamboo unbleached pulp could be delivered in the United Kingdom at a cost of £16 or £18 a ton.

## SHANGHAI RACES.

SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY'S MEETING.

Following are the results of the second day's racing of the Shanghai Race Club's Spring Meeting:—

THE RACE CLUB CUP.—Distance two miles.

Ajax ..... (Mr. Knoll) 1  
King's Cross ..... (Mr. Dalgleish) 2  
Sidelight ..... (Mr. Brand) 3  
Time: 4mins. 49.1.5secs.

THE SHANGHAI DERBY.—Distance one mile and a half.

Hall Mpon Bay ..... (Mr. Johnstone) 1  
Golden Rod ..... (Mr. Dalglas) 2  
Kempston ..... (Mr. Dalgarro) 3  
Time: 3mins. 33.3.5secs.

THE MONSIEUR PLATE.—Distance three quarters of a mile.

Le Moet ..... (Mr. Johnstone) 1  
Tarnished Silver ..... (Mr. Brand) 2  
Mainstay II ..... (Mr. Hill) 3  
Time: 1min. 42.3.5secs.

THE SIOGAWA CUP.—Distance one mile and a quarter.

Old Bill ..... (Mr. Bremner) 1  
San Juan ..... (Mr. Crockam) 2  
Roubly ..... (Mr. Brand) 3  
Time: 2mins. 51.3.5secs.

THE GRAND STAND STAKES.—Distance one mile and a quarter.

Goldberg ..... (Mr. Crockam) 1  
Seabird ..... (Mr. Brand) 2  
Rio Negro ..... (Mr. Johnstone) 3  
Time: 3mins. 32.1.5secs.

THE SPRING CUP.—Distance one mile and a quarter.

Stancilife ..... (Mr. Dalgleish) 1  
Zandam ..... (Mr. Knoll) 2  
Wild Love ..... (Mr. Johnstone) 3  
Time: 3mins. 4.2.5secs.

THE TIENTSIN PLATE.—Distance one mile.

Selinas ..... (Mr. Crockam) 1  
Blazing Corn ..... (Mr. Johnstone) 2  
Le Lunatic ..... (Mr. Knoll) 3  
Time: 2mins. 0.1.5secs.

THE PEKING STAKES.—Distance one mile and a quarter.

Coinurance ..... (Mr. Crockam) 1  
Tynside ..... (Mr. Wollamun) 2  
Fighting King ..... (Mr. Brand) 3  
Time: 2mins. 17secs.

## DISHONEST HOUSE BOY.

WEARING HIS MASTER'S CLOTHES.

When a Chinese boy was charged before Magistrate Orme yesterday, with the theft of some of his master's clothing which he was wearing at the time of his arrest, Mr. F. G. Vaux, for the defence, contended that his client should be charged with the less serious offence of unlawful possession as there was no direct evidence of theft. The Magistrate remarked that there was no doubt as to where the articles came from. If the accused was liable for stealing, he was for receiving.

Mr. Vaux contended that he could not be liable for either. The Magistrate: He absconded. The things could not have drifted out of the place on to his back. The accused, who had been employed by Mr. R. D. Murray, of the Chartered Bank, attempted to show that he obtained the stolen articles lawfully, asserting that some of them were given to him by Mrs. Murray, others he bought from a second hand store in Canton.

Questioned with regard to one of a set of four gold studs belonging to Mr. Murray, the accused said that he picked it up in his quarters the day he entered Mr. Murray's employ. The Magistrate said that after hearing the accused's evidence, he was convinced that the case was not one for leniency. Had the accused admitted his guilt and said that he was sorry, he would have thought better of him. Sentence of one month's hard labour would be passed.

## KINEMA NOTES.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

The new programme at the Hongkong Theatre to-day includes a fine 5-part picture, "Girl at Home," featuring Jack Pickford and Vivian Martin. This remarkable drama will be shown at the matinee and 9.15 p.m. performance, along with an excellent comedy, "His Wedding Night."

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## INWARD MAILS.

From WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

Saigon ..... Matava  
Japan ..... Kanova  
Shanghai ..... Yenchow  
Shanghai ..... Foochow

FRIDAY, MAY 6.

Shanghai ..... Shanghai  
EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Newspapers London)  
Havana Maru

SATURDAY, MAY 7.

Japan ..... Yamaguchi Maru  
Japan ..... Yosa Maru

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

Calcutta and Straits ..... King  
Thursday, May 12.

Straits ..... Shikochi Maru

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

Saigon and Wuchow ..... Kowkong ..... 4 p.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hwah Hsin ..... 5 p.m.  
Straits and Bangkok ..... Hainan ..... 5 p.m.  
Hoibow ..... Kam Ying Fat ..... 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 5.

\*Swatow, Amoy, and Takao ..... Sochu Maru ..... 9 a.m.  
\*Swatow, \*Shanghai and \*North China ..... Choyang ..... 11 a.m.  
Shanghai and North China ..... Sunning ..... 11 a.m.  
Swatow ..... Hydrangea ..... 4 p.m.  
Tientsin ..... Cheongching ..... 5 p.m.  
Toumae ..... Kwaiwah ..... 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 6.

Fort Bayard, Hoibow and Haiphong ..... Hanoi ..... 9 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Haibong ..... 11 a.m.  
Philippine Islands ..... Yuenang ..... 3 p.m.  
Japan ..... Samarang Maru ..... 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7.

Shanghai and North China ..... Yenchow ..... 3 p.m.  
\*Swatow, \*Shanghai and \*North China ..... Haibong ..... 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 8.

Swatow, Amoy and Koolong ..... Amakusa Maru ..... 9 a.m.  
Hoibow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ..... Kailong ..... 9 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 9.

\*Swatow and Bangkok ..... Lachow ..... 9 a.m.  
Straits, Bangkok, Colombo, Mauritius, Le Marquis, South Africa, India via Dhanghadi, BOMBAY and ADEN ..... Duvara ..... 10.30 a.m.  
Amoy, \*Shanghai, and \*North China ..... Shantung ..... 11 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Haiching ..... 11 a.m.  
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta & ADEN ..... Laisang ..... 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

Hoibow and Haiphong ..... Takang ..... 9 a.m.  
Shanghai and North China ..... Sochow ..... 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Haibong ..... 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

\*Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, Le Marquis, South Africa, India via Dhanghadi, BOMBAY, Aden, Zeyt, & EUROPE via MALAKKAS. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 12th, May at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 15.

Japan, Honolulu and \*SAN FRANCISCO ..... Soyu Maru ..... 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18.

Amoy and Philippine Islands ..... Taining ..... 3 p.m.

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

## SPORT

### YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL

"MONTCAIM" v. "TAMAR"

On the Dockyard Football ground yesterday evening a large gathering of British and French sailors with a good sprinkling of civilians, watched a very interesting football match between teams representing the French Flagship "Montcaim" and H.M.S. "Tamar."

The French kicked off and made for British territory where a hard pass by their inside left sent the ball out. From the throw in Atkey received and the Britishers assumed the offensive. After drawing the defence, Atkey passed to Heap who ran in and scored at close quarters. On resuming, Atkey was pulled up for hands. The free kick gave the French a good opening. They kept the ball at the goal mouth for a long time and the defence was hard pressed until Brazendale relieved. Another break-away by the Britishers resulted in a second goal. Atkey was responsible for it after a fine piece of tricky play. The British returned to the attack from the centre, but Nurmard cleared creditably. Heap followed up with a fast shot which Marge just deflected. Pacunia kicked away and Hein dribbled down the field. He tested the British goalie, but the latter was safe. Later he gave Dubois a beautiful pass but the latter misjudged his kick and the ball went wide. The French continued to press and were soon rewarded by Dessalles scoring at close quarters. The British forced a corner at the other end. Gouan, however, cleared and transferred. Danjer had hard lines in heading just past the upright. A corner followed, and from a well placed kick, Hein brought the score to two all. When the British attacked, they were pulled up for off-side. Shortly afterwards the French went away and Dessalles sent in a drop kick which went straight into the goalie's hands. When the British next attacked, Marge saved from Atkey only to be beaten by Heap from a corner kick. With the next French attack, there was a strenuous struggle in front of goal and soon the score was again level. The attack was immediately followed up from the centre and Dessalles who was playing a fine game put the French one up. Later Dubois missed a good chance. A little before time Atkey scored, making 4 all.

At the resumption, the French centre forward gave a fine exhibition of tricky play which took him well down the field before he was pulled up by Handford. The British attacked, but Gouan was safe and the ball was returned. A corner was forced. Danjer shot nicely and in a maul which followed, the centre forward scored. The Britishers went down from the centre and spent a long time in French territory, but without success. Pacunia relieving. The French attack which followed put them two goals up. After this the British pressed with determination and Grant wiped out the French lead by scoring twice in quick succession. The pressure was kept up for a long time, and although the French defence worked very hard, Atkey broke through and put the British one up. With only a few more minutes to go, the French attacked, and after Austin had deflected a fine shot from Danjer, the latter scored from a beautiful pass from his wingman. Time came soon afterwards with the game a draw of seven goals each.

THE TEAMS.  
The following were the teams:—"Montcaim"—Marge; "Pacunia", Nurmard; Le Louber, Gouan, Jones; Dubois, Chamalet, Dessalles; Hein and Danjer.  
"Tamar"—Austin, Handford, Brazendale, Carroll, Hindson, Rowe; Hayes, Spicer, Grant, Atkey and Heap.

BOXING NOTES.  
MORAN AND CARPENTIER.

Writing to the London Athletic News in mail week "The Game Chicken" says:—

If all professional boxers were like the general American Pittsburg, Frank Moran, the sport would be all the better. Some time ago he entertained to dinner the leading sporting writers in London, and the latter, the other night, returned the pretty compliment.

It is a privilege to participate in a gathering which will live for long in the memory of all present.

Frank Moran as an orator is unknown to most followers of the sport, but to hear him reel out sound wisdom on the inner and better side of boxing, without a note in guidance, with a flow of beautiful language which would rouse the envy of a Cabinet Minister, is something calculated to captivate the most learned. It was an educational treat.

Frank Moran once realized that it was possible to get to the top of the boxing tree, and his efforts since filling a breach in an exhibition with Jack Johnson in his home town have been concentrated upon reaching the pinnacle that so many strive after but so few obtain. He realised that

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It would be hard work, with a necessary and very searching study of human nature which is conspicuous by its absence for the make up of most men who have taken to the ring as a profession. He is succeeding, slowly, it may be declared, but he certainly is on the path that leads to victory. Moran is anything but egotistical, and one realizes that his great desire to meet Carpenter is something more than an excuse to get a contest where the losing end of the purse might be large.

A SPORTSMAN'S OFFER.  
The American has been opposed to the European champion since Georges, as referee, decided that Jack Johnson outpointed Moran in Paris just before the latter came over here to beat Billy Wells. He feels that he has suffered an injustice which can only be eased by an actual contest with the young man who revolutionised the heavy-weight position at home.

Moran is sincere in his desire that so far as he is concerned it can be the most sporting bout that was ever staged. In other words, he is prepared to box a championship contest in the shape of monetary reward—win or lose—his share going to charities. He would be satisfied with the opportunity to prove whether he or Georges is the better man.

GODDARD AND WELLS.  
One wonders what is the little obstacle that prevents a meeting between Billy Wells and Frank Goddard. Negotiations were almost completed a few days ago, when Wells linked his signature to that of Joe Beckett for a third encounter with the present champion. Despite the latter having the advantage of being in the title role, there is no doubt that a fixture with Goddard would have been the more attractive, for they have never met.

Beckett has also fixed up for rubber contests with Goddard and Dick Smith, but up to the present one has failed to notice an abundance of enthusiasm over the arrangements. There is a canny cautiousness on the part of promoters to come forward, and under the circumstances one cannot wonder at it. This open inquiry for purses also brings surprise at the attitude of Wells.

In all this disturbance it may be noted that "Boy" McCormick, recently returned from America, has not been included in any of the business. Now the present holder of our cruiser-weight championship has only himself to blame for this, for he has estimated his own value as being on a par with Carpenter and Moran, and others would be apparently *infra dig.*

If the "Boy" is to do any good at home, he must get impressed with the fact that his British record is a moderate one, and ere he can hope to fly

high, he must demonstrate in the only possible manner that he is worthy of it.

INTERPORT VOLLEY BALL.  
HONGKONG v. CANTON.

The return interport volley ball match between the above ports will take place to-morrow at 4 p.m. sharp at the Chinese YMCA, Bridges Street.

The Public is cordially invited to witness the game as a close and well contested match is anticipated.

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